

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Kewaunee County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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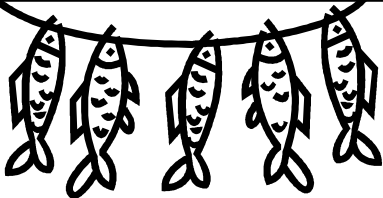
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Kewaunee County, **16,081** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility in Kewaunee County is an egg collection station on the Kewaunee River for steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon.

In 2014, Lake Michigan was stocked with over **60,000 brown trout**, **99,000 chinook salmon**, **152,000 Coho Salmon** and **94,600 steelhead rainbow trout**.

Kewaunee County has over **3,250 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

From downtown Sturgeon Bay, the **46 mile Ahnapee State Trail** winds south along the Ahnapee and Kewaunee Rivers ending in Kewaunee. The trail brings visitors who want to enjoy biking, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

In 2014, DNR stocked **320 pheasants** in Kewaunee County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **275 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Kewaunee County.

Community Partnerships

With partners, DNR annually raises and stocks about **1,500 lake sturgeon** under the **Kewaunee River Lake Sturgeon Restoration** effort to restore the population.

2013 Wisconsin Act 75 allowed DNR to **partner with a local sportsman's club** on the release of salmon into net pens.

Snapshot of grants in Kewaunee County

A total of **\$948,733** was awarded in Kewaunee County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety** and **forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: forest planning and improvements, enhancements to Kewaunee County Shea's Lake public launch and snowmobile and ATV trail maintenance.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Kewaunee County. It produces **\$58.9 million** in economic output, providing **\$20.8 million** in added value to the county.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$12,916 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2011, **Kewaunee County has received \$10,000 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Two communities in Kewaunee County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Kewaunee County has **765 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs. The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 1,830 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Kewaunee County. The harvests provided more than **\$59,756 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 87 contaminated properties** resulting in **24 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 23 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$27,392 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Kewaunee County

In 2014, Kewaunee County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 2,632 deer were registered in Kewaunee County with 601 harvested during archery deer season and 2,031 harvested during the gun deer season.